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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

9. (New) An aid for learning calculation comprising:  
differently colored geometric bodies (10, 12, 14),  
wherein each body represents a number and has a geometric shape  
and a color;  
wherein each geometrical shape defines a decimal step position  
(ones, tens, hundreds, thousands); and  
wherein each color defines a number.
10. (New) The aid according to claim 9 wherein the geometric shapes of  
the bodies (10, 12, 14) are chosen such that the bodies (10, 12, 14)  
can be stacked above each other.
11. (New) The aid according to claim 9 wherein  
a step position "One" is assigned with a cube shape,  
a step position "Ten" is assigned with a cylindrical shape,  
a step position "Hundred" is assigned with a "right  
parallelepiped" shape, and  
a step position "Thousands" is assigned with a "right  
parallelepiped" shape with notches.

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12. (New) The aid according to claim 9 wherein the corresponding number is inscribed on each colored body (10, 12, 14).
13. (New) The aid according to claim 9 further comprising tables (20, 22, 24, 26) in which the numbers are depicted represented by the corresponding bodies (10, 12, 14) or corresponding two-dimensional areas (30, 32, 34).
14. (New) The aid according to claim 13 wherein the tables (20, 22) include the numbers 1 to 100 depicted in ten lines and ten columns.
15. (New) The aid according to claim 13 wherein the tables (24, 26) include the numbers 1 to 99 depicted in ten lines and ten columns.
16. (New) The aid according to claim 9 further comprising uncolored bodies having corresponding geometric shapes.